

Arkansas Man Finds JFK Autograph in Birthday Book

Arkansas man finds what may be JFK's autograph on business card in book received for birthday

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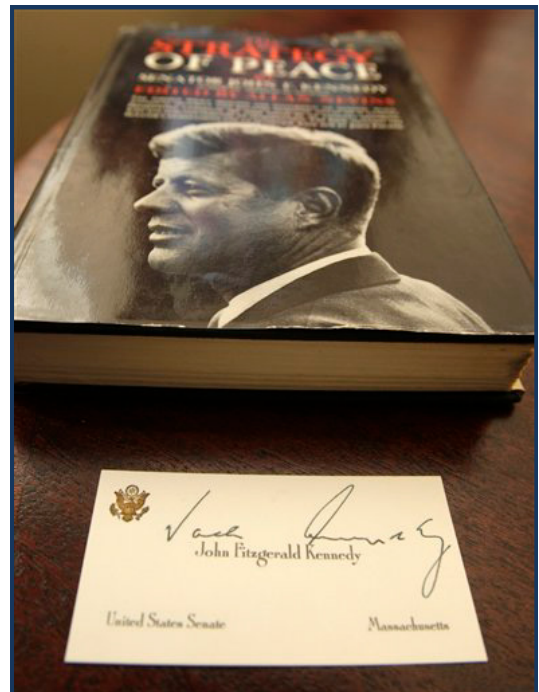
A Little Rock man got the birthday surprise of a lifetime when a colleague gave him a used copy of John F. Kennedy's 1960 book, "The Strategy of Peace."

Tucked between pages 62 and 63 was one of Kennedy's business cards from his time as Massachusetts senator. The name "Jack Kennedy" was scrawled atop.

Paul Vitale's colleague bought the book online for \$4.49, and Vitale doesn't know who owned it before.

Vitale says he showed the card to Kennedy speechwriter Ted Sorensen before he died last month, and Sorensen said it looked authentic.

Vitale says he plans to have the signature authenticated, find out how much the card is worth and do some good with it. Meanwhile, it's being kept in a bank security box.



Above: A U.S. Senate business card with then Sen. John Fitzgerald Kennedy's name inscribed and a purported autograph written on the card as "Jack Kennedy" is displayed near the 1960 book in Little Rock, Ark., Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, where the card was found between the pages the book's owner says. (AP Photo/Danny Johnston)



Left: In this taken July 28, 2010, and provided by Paul Vitale, Paul Vitale, left, poses with former John F. Kennedy speechwriter Ted Sorensen in Sorensen's home in New York. (AP Photo/Paul Vitale)